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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. United States Patent No. 5,728,044, issued to Shan, dated March 17, 1998;
and

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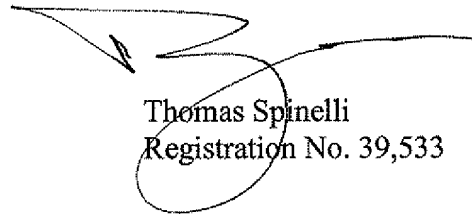

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2. United States Patent No. 6,248,074 B1, issued to Ohno et al., dated June 19, 2001.

The references were cited in a Search Report received from the European Patent Office, dated December 8, 2008. Applicants are submitting a copy of the Search Report. A copy of the above-cited references is not required under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii). The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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